112th Commencement

May 9–10, 2025

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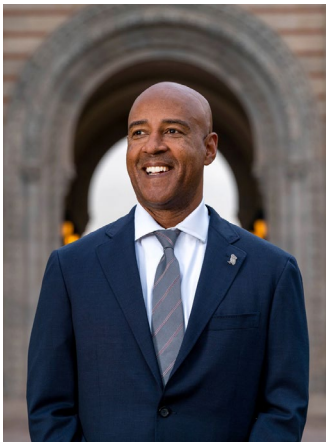
Welcome From the President



Welcome to Rice University's 112th Commencement ceremony!

Today, we gather as a community to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the Class of 2025 — those receiving bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. It has been an honor for all of us at Rice to be part of their journey.

We are proud of who our graduates have become. They leave here ready to make an impact — in their professions, their communities and the world. They are thinkers, problem-solvers, creators and leaders. We can't wait to see what they'll do next.

For our graduate students, today marks an exciting new beginning. For our undergraduates, walking through the Sallyport once again brings their Rice experience full circle — a cherished tradition that ties them forever to this place and to each other.

To all the families, friends and loved ones joining us, thank you. Your encouragement, support and belief in these students helped make this day possible. I hope you feel as proud of them as we do.

And to our newest alumni, know that you will always have a home at Rice. Wherever your path takes you, I hope that you carry the spirit of this community with you always. We look forward to the many ways you will change the world — and we can't wait to welcome you back in the years ahead.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

With warm wishes for a bright future,

Reginald DesRoches
President

2025 Degree Recipients

The recipients whose names are listed hereafter completed their degrees in August 2024 or December 2024 or are scheduled to complete degree requirements in May 2025. The information about degrees printed in this program is not official. Inquiries regarding graduates of the university should be directed to the registrar.

Doctor of Philosophy

AUGUST 31, 2024

Rachael May Alfant
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research

Shyam Bhakta
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology

Lokesh Boominathan
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Daniel C. Bourgeois
Statistics

Paul William Winter Burch
English

Agnishom Chattopadhyay
Computer Science

Feng-Yang Chen
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Jinhang Chen
Chemistry

Lei Chen
Physics and Astronomy

Arindam Chowdhury
Electrical and Computer Engineering

E-Lim Lydia Wu Chung
Psychological Sciences

Carson Calvin Cole
Chemistry

Aditya Pradip Desai
Computer Science

Esteban Dodero Rojas
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology

Jacques Doumani
Applied Physics

Mahmoud El-Youssef
Philosophy

Iris Etchevarren Acquarone
Political Science

Diego Alonso Fallas Padilla
Physics and Astronomy

Shaoxun Fan
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Quintin Gorman
Sociology

Lindsay Diane Graham
English

Michael Shane Harless
Art History

Chia Hsieh
Biosciences

Marina Elon Hutchins
Biosciences

Rodrigo Ibarra Garcia Padilla
Biosciences

Eva Yi Jin
Physics and Astronomy

Elysa Lam Jui
Bioengineering

Shih-Chieh Kao
Chemistry

Dasol Kim
Art History

Jung Y. Kim
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Junhyung Kim
Computer Science

Min Ju Kim
Sociology

Bryson Randol Thomas Kisner
History

Mei-Li Laracuente
Bioengineering

Sangsin Lee
Bioengineering

Muxiao Li
Chemistry

Siyang Ling
Physics and Astronomy

Yunke Liu
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Zhen Liu
Mechanical Engineering

Zirui Liu
Computer Science

Xinyue Luo
Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences

Sophia Natalla Martinez Abbud
English

Meredith McCullough
English

Thao N. Nguyen
Applied Physics

Yesmar Semaj Oyarzun
Anthropology

Ashish Pal
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Tianyang Pan
Computer Science

Jayant Rajendra Patil
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Justin Porter
Mechanical Engineering

Ciril Samuel Prasad
Applied Physics

Carlos Andres Quintero Peña
Computer Science

Haad Yaqub Rathore
Applied Physics

Caleigh Roleck
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology

Sreehari Kalavampara Saju
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Trevor Jun Shimokusu
Mechanical Engineering

Kavya Lahari Singampalli
Bioengineering

Yingru Song
Mechanical Engineering

Zachary James Spaulding
Mathematics

Julia Szabo
Sociology

Ruixiang Tang
Computer Science

Christina G. Taylor
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research

Xiaokun Teng
Physics and Astronomy

Md Shajedul Hoque Thakur
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Andrew Jonathon Torma
Applied Physics

Bilyana M. Tzolova
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research

James Matthew Webster
Physics and Astronomy

Stephen Westich
Art History

McKell J. Woodland
Computer Science

Han Wu
Physics and Astronomy

Jiarong Xing
Computer Science

Han Yu
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Xiaohan Zhang
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Binyu Zhao
Economics

John Cameron Zito
Statistics

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Dauda Umaru Adamu
Religion
Priyanka Ali
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Tasfia Azim
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Daniela Maria Barrios Santos
Bioengineering
Michael Beauregard
Bioengineering
Kangjie Bian
Chemistry
Patrick John Blonien
Management
Lucas Brown
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology
Melissa Cloutier
Psychological Sciences
Anja Conev
Computer Science
Chelsea Diane Dacus
Art History
Sushovan Das
Computer Science
Yuxuan Ding
Chemistry
Yingying Fan
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Romanos Fasoulis
Computer Science
Yuren Feng
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Lupe Flores
Anthropology
Sibo Gao
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ray Hagimoto
Physics and Astronomy
Claire Vivian Hammond
Mechanical Engineering
John Her
Bioengineering
Andrew Lorin Hitt
Materials Science and NanoEngineering
Mingchao Jiang
Computer Science
Yilong Ju
Computer Science
Maryam Khalid
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Nessa Kim
Psychological Sciences
James Owen Larkin
Chemistry
William James Larsen
Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences
Dongjoo Lee
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Boning Li
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Xin Luo
Bioengineering
Nishant Mehrotra
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dibya Deepta Mishra
Economics
Rachel Grace Mohl
Art History
Noel Molina Limon
Bioengineering
K. James Myers
History
Chiagoziem Ngwadom
Biosciences
Ronan W. O'Connell
Bioengineering
Timothy Oxendahl
Psychological Sciences
Nataira M. Pagan Pagan
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Brenna Ram
English
John Patrick Rotter
Physics and Astronomy
Paul Evans Savas
Chemistry
Christopher Patrick Senn
Religion
Tanner Alan Shadoan
Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences
Ruiheng Song
Chemistry
Anibal Tafur Gutierrez
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Shiyu Tan
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Xiaoyin Tian
Materials Science and NanoEngineering
Xinyu Wu
Computer Science
Yaofeng Xie
Physics and Astronomy
Qi Xu
Bioengineering
Rui Xu
Materials Science and NanoEngineering
Fangfei Yang
Computer Science
Te Faye Yap
Mechanical Engineering
Yu Yin
Bioengineering
Yigao Yuan
Chemistry
Zewen Zhang
Physics and Astronomy
Hanlin Zhu
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ye Zhu
Bioengineering

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Giovanni Aiello
Economics
Romain P. V. Albouy
Applied Physics
Chano Arreguin-Abarca
Political Science
Oluwatobi Helen Babayemi
Bioengineering
Alex Tomas Balsells
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Tsvetelina Baryakova
Bioengineering
Laurin Baumgardt
Anthropology
Catherine Allene Boyd Heredia
Sociology
Gabrielle Buck
Biosciences
Sarah R. Bzsaki
Chemistry
Jonathan Cangelosi
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Haimu Cao
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy, *continued*

Chun-Ying Chao
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Chen Chen
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Tessa M. Crosby
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Jeremy P. Daum
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Sara Beth Denison
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Lucas J. Eddy
Applied Physics

Íris Teresa Emilsdóttir
Mathematics

Elisa Fattoracci
Psychological Sciences

Jauhara Ferguson
Sociology

Lorena Alexandra Ferguson
Psychological Sciences

Joshua John Fleck
Mechanical Engineering

Samantha Therese Fleury
Bioengineering

Mauro Eder Florez Rozo
Statistics

Martha Fowler
Bioengineering

Anupama Gannavarapu
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Anthony Edward Gardner
Philosophy

Pauline Goodson
Psychological Sciences

Tia Anukis Gray
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Gustavo Andrés Guajardo Dávila
Political Science

Zeynep Gizem Haspolat
Anthropology

Fahid Hassan
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Chaney E. Hill
English

Yaolong Hu
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Yuefei Huang
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Esther Mariela Jimenez
Biosciences

Aashish Kafle
Physics and Astronomy

Brenton David Kalinowski
Sociology

Bryce Lorenz Kille
Computer Science

Dasom Kim
Applied Physics

Soonyoung Kim
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Mason Klemm
Physics and Astronomy

Andrew L. Koval
Statistics

Jiawei Lai
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Zachary W. LaTurner
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Dayong Lee
Political Science

Ji Hee Lee
Economics

Haoran Li
Computer Science

Siliang Li
Biosciences

Zhichao Li
Applied Physics

Shixiao Liang
Physics and Astronomy

Tong Lin
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Yushu Liu
Computer Science

Yi Lu
Physics and Astronomy

Jiaming Luo
Applied Physics

Rongke Lyu
Statistics

Yuhang Ma
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Alix Macklin
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sherina Malkani
Bioengineering

Yuri Matsumura
Economics

Paul Michael Mayer
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Isaac Metcalf
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Ruchika Bharat Mitbander
Bioengineering

Sabariah Mohamed Hussin
Religion

Austin Moser
Chemistry

Elena Musteata
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology

Nicolas Nikoloutsos
Bioengineering

Taisei Noda
Economics

Shosuke Noguchi
Economics

Alexander David Nolte
Mathematics

Emilie Newsham Novak
Bioengineering

Stanislav Panin
Religion

Marissa Perez
Bioengineering

Christine Petersen
Psychological Sciences

Thiago José Pinheiro dos Santos
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Erin B. Porter
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Anthony Alexander Priest
Sociology

Peizhu Qian
Computer Science

Yangfan Ren
Statistics

Kiara Patricia Reyes Grandel
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology

Nicolas Edward Reyes Grandel
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology

Eleni Anastasia Rizou
Biosciences

Siwon Ryu
Economics

Reuben Sass
Economics

Benjamin Jacob Savoie
Mathematics

Phelecia Zarephah Scotland
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Joonpyung Seo
Applied Physics

Ritika Sethi
Economics

Winnie H. Shi
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Bongki Shin
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Elisabeth Silver
Psychological Sciences

Nima Soltani
Chemistry

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Materials Science and NanoEngineering

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Economics

Joseph W. Swain
Chemistry

Yuxin Tang
Computer Science

Zaid Tasneem
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Jose Humberto Torres
Management

Doctor of Philosophy, *continued*

Mitchell Trafford
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

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Biosciences

Utana Umezaki
Chemistry

Meidi Wang
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology

Weitao Wang
Computer Science

Xiangjiang Wang
Bioengineering

Yiwei Wang
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Yue Wang
Management

Mackenzie Kate Warrens
Physics and Astronomy

Elizabeth Wilkirson
Mechanical Engineering

Stewart Williams
Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences

David Nathaniel Wilson
Management

Elizabeth Mary Windham
Biosciences

Joshua Woods
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Han Yan
Economics

Peng Yang
Statistics

Xiaoyu Yang
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology

Yongze Yin
Computer Science

Ziqin Yue
Applied Physics

Anthony M. Zdrojewski
Management

Tianshu Zhai
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Ding Zhang
Physics and Astronomy

Jiangguo Zhang
Bioengineering

Zhiyi Zhang
Mathematics

Qiang Zhou
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Yufeng Zhou
Computer Science

Gladys Josefina Zubiría Fuentes
Political Science

Doctor of Musical Arts

DECEMBER 30, 2024

Timothy Jordan Roy
Music

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DongYeon Lee
Music

James Harrison Palmer
Music

Jacob Anton Schafer
Music

Dong Myung Sohn
Music

Master of Arts

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Aliyu Aremu Ahmad
Chemistry
Katherine Susan Alexander
Sociology
Ana Victoria Benavides Figueroa
Chemistry
Kaitlyn Marie Birkhoff
Chemistry
Thi Thanh Ha Bui
Chemistry
Linqi Cheng
Chemistry
Abigail Katelyn CroweTipton
Religion
Zachary M. Feltey
Religion
Mauro Eder Florez Rozo
Statistics
Yu Fu
Chemistry
Pauline Goodson
Psychological Sciences
Daniel Pendleton Graeff
Chemistry
Michael Shane Harless
Art History
Santiago Hendrichs
Chemistry
Kirsten Hilson
History
Chia-Chien Hsu
Chemistry
Nghi Nguyen Van La
Chemistry
Fernando Chegjua Liu Lopez
Mathematics
Yu Lu
Psychological Sciences
Steven Luo
Chemistry
Rongke Lyu
Statistics
Sophia Natalla Martínez Abbud
English
Mohammad Saeed Mirzaei
Chemistry
Tu Anh Nguyen
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Megan Katherine Oakes
English
Shahill Jerod Parsons
Sociology
Shengyue Piao
Chemistry
Charlotte Jane Randolph
Chemistry
Dinora Nicole Rodriguez
Chemistry
Yuchen Rui
Chemistry
Lul Sharif
Chemistry
Karla Jeanette Silva
Chemistry
Zachary James Spaulding
Mathematics
Dongjie Xu
Management
Yihua Xu
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Binyu Zhao
Economics
John Cameron Zito
Statistics

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Mert Akman
Management
Jazmin Argueta-Rivera
Psychological Sciences
Moses Ohene Biney
Sociology
Chelsea Diane Dacus
Art History
Nyah Davis
Mathematics
Edgar Gevorgyan
Mathematics
Lauren Harvey
Sociology
Michael Joseph Kurian
Religion
Abha Lal
Anthropology
Mostafa Mohieldin Mohamed Lotfy
Anthropology
Megan Rose McSpedon
Psychological Sciences
Ian A. Milden
Political Science
Isaiah M. Mindich
Mathematics
Dibya Deepta Mishra
Economics
Weiwei Mo
Philosophy
Adebola Michael Ogundare
Chemistry
Alejandra Osejo Varona
Anthropology
Rui Qu
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Autumn Raynor
Sociology
Keren Reichler
Anthropology
Michelle Rieman
Management
Alma Karen Rosas Rodriguez
Sociology
Jakira Silas
Sociology
John Douglas Steinman
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Jose Humberto Torres
Management
Xi Wang
Management
Yue Wang
Management
David Nathaniel Wilson
Management
Anthony M. Zdrojewski
Management
Zhou Zhou
Anthropology

Master of Arts, *continued*

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Ali Arslan
Political Science
Mariah Aliza Kaye Bender
History
Morgan LaShea Bettin-Coleman
History
Madelyn Castro
Psychological Sciences
Shihui Chen
Chemistry
Yaojia Rebecca Chen
Psychological Sciences
Yan-Yu Chiou
Economics
John Coudsi
Economics
Anton Dolmatov
Philosophy
Íris Teresa Emilsdóttir
Mathematics
Gabriela Fernãndez Castillo
Psychological Sciences
Fan Gao
Statistics
Uzochi Christiana Gideon
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
William Jones Gonzalez
Management
Haoxuan Guo
Business
Andrews Odame Gyane
Political Science
Anwar Khaddaj
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Andrew L. Koval
Statistics
Dayong Lee
Statistics
Zijun Liu
Management
Sierra Ashley Malvitz
Political Science
Syed Kashif Naqvi
Political Science
Taisei Noda
Economics
Alexander Josef Ober
Management
Michael Asenso Oppong
Economics
Manasseh Kusi Osei
Chemistry
Raymond Park
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Siwon Ryu
Economics
Benjamin Savoie
Mathematics
Colby G. Selman
Religion
Ritika Sethi
Economics
Boris Shapoval
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Arshia Singhal
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research
Jintao Sun
Economics
Eduard van der Merwe
Economics
Laura Vazquez Arreguin
History
Ivanova Veras de Jesús
Psychological Sciences
Han Yan
Economics
Myoungji Yang
Economics
Yixiao Yao
Religion
Julian William Zaudke
Political Science
Bohan Zhang
History

Master of Science

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Abdulaziz Mohammed Alameri
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Taylor Beisler Carnahan
Physics and Astronomy
Josue Casco-Rodriguez
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Ana Daniela del Rio Pulido
Applied Physics
Ulises Felix Rendon
Applied Physics
Yucheng Guo
Physics and Astronomy
Sarah Dawn Hamade
Biosciences
Adam Johnston
Applied Physics
Naiming Liu
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Zhaobo Mei
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Edward Duc Hien Nguyen
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Martín Sevilla
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Eliot Hutton Solomon
Computer Science
Omran Taqi
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Hang Wang
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Wenjing Wu
Applied Physics
A.J. Yates
Physics and Astronomy
Jianlin Zhou
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Master of Science, *continued*

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Chima Adiole
Computer Science
Morgan Brinson
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Benjamin Cheung
Applied Physics
MohammadMoein Darman
Mechanical Engineering
Midhuna Duraisamy Suganthi
Applied Physics
Moayed Haji Ali
Computer Science
Yunlu Han
Materials Science and NanoEngineering
Zhengyi Han
Computer Science
Kunal Lakhanpal
Applied Physics
Alexander Ean Lathem
Applied Physics
Siyu Liao
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Aleida Myriam Machorro Ortiz
Applied Physics
Ananya Muguli
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Khushbu Pahwa
Computer Science
Akhil Reddy Pakala
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Anderson Roy Phillips
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Kimia Saedi
Computer Science
Ayesha Tariq
Materials Science and NanoEngineering
Kayla Graciela Vokt
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Jianxin Wang
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Jing Wang
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Haotian Wei
Physics and Astronomy
Joshua Joseph Lewis West
Biosciences
Zilin Xiao
Computer Science
Guangyao Zheng
Computer Science

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Kyra Rose Birkenfeld
Physics and Astronomy
Isha Chakraborty
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Abdeali Dhuliyawalla
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Bolu Feng
Applied Physics
Miriam Gammerman
Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences
Charles Harrison Gardner
Physics and Astronomy
Sayak Guha Roy
Physics and Astronomy
Johaun Hatchett
Applied Physics
Harrison C. Huang
Computer Science
Weiyun Jiang
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dashon Jones
Physics and Astronomy
Timothy Elijah Kritzell
Applied Physics
Iason Krommydas
Physics and Astronomy
Ivy Li
Physics and Astronomy
Huan Cheng Liao
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Kai Malcolm
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Abhishek Menon
Physics and Astronomy
Jingyi Miao
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Osvaldo Miguel Colin
Physics and Astronomy
Samuel Millstone
Physics and Astronomy
Kiran Muralidhar Kulkarni
Applied Physics
Rubyann Olmos
Physics and Astronomy
Obinna Onah
Applied Physics
Priyan Viranga Pathirana
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Elijah Rice
Mechanical Engineering
Luis Alfredo Sanchez
Physics and Astronomy
Hariharan Sezhiyan
Computer Science
Yuliia Suprun
Computer Science
Hailey Mira Szadowski
Systems, Synthetic and Physical Biology
Shih-Yun Tang
Physics and Astronomy
Gerald Topalli
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Phong Tran
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Sara Vanaki
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Yuxin Wan
Physics and Astronomy
Zehao Wang
Physics and Astronomy
Kexin Xie
Physics and Astronomy
Jiawen Yao
Computer Science
Shengjie Yu
Applied Physics
Jiaao Zhang
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Jeffrey Zhong
Computer Science
Yiwen Zhu
Physics and Astronomy

Master of Bioengineering

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Vikram Girish Chavare
Zohaib Iqbal

DECEMBER 30, 2024

Raeedah Alsayoud
Sittichoke Dechanun
Rongshu Jin
Michael Larbie
William Taylor Main
Esteban Patricio Ortiz
Annanya Pingale
Somesh Skanda Ramar
Joselin Ruth Rapalo Guerrero
Kachun Szeto

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Carla Michelle Canales
Abigail Chae
Xianglong Louis Chen
Ning-Tsu Chung
Symone Yvette Flowers
Daniel Gan
Yimo Gao
Amanda Hudson
Muhammad Ahmad Jamali
Griffin Kingsley
Gabrielle Alexis Braza Lea
Jade Chang-Yuan Lee
Alexandra Loren McLennan
Kathryn Mischlich
Cameron Monroe
Ishika Mukherjee
Isha Murugesan
Elena Nikolaychuk
Olisaneme Okonkwo
Maneesh Parmeswaran
Nisarg Patel
Aiman Rahman
Summan Rahman
Sahana Ramaswamy
Shreyas Ranganath
Sradha Ravishankar
Korie Nicole Rudin
Juan Jose Tellez
Kyler Wayne Van Grouw
Jordan Danielle Warren

Master of Chemical Engineering

DECEMBER 30, 2024

Mohammed Alkandery
Ali Ghadanfar
Vignesh Shanmugam

MAY 10, 2025

Danniela Cristina Herrera
Muyuan Tian

Master of Civil and Environmental Engineering

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Yichang Lin

MAY 10, 2025

Benjamin Anthony Barria Martinez
Enzo Javier Gonzãlez
Katlyn Emilie Schmeltzer

Master of Computational and Applied Mathematics

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Yik Haw Teoh
Chuyang Wang

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Zhi Qu
Gerardo Daniel Villalobos

Master of Computational Science and Engineering

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Sicong Chen
Xing Chen
Yutong Xue
Yusheng Yang

Master of Computer Science

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Parker Edward Beck
Jie-Si Chen
Matthew Garber
Dante Miller
Sher Shah
Wenjun Zhu

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Srivatsava Suhas Achanta
Kaushal Kumar Agarwal
Sanjeev Balavanthapu
Nikhil Banerji
Haitham Batneej
Carter Bodinger
Liam Boubouleix
Chengxuan Cai
Zhiyuan Cai
Chun-Min Chan
Yidan Cheng
Adeline Yao Yi Chew
Nikhil Chigali
Rung-De Chu
Paris Jacob Cox
Divya Dadi
Bryce DiMedio
Tram Doan
Pavan Kumar Pranav Donepudi
Yiwei Du
Dziyana Dutava
Keerthana Golla
Weihang Guo
Saakshi Gupta
Feichi Han
Kuangxi He
Cheng-Yen Hsu
Jiaqi Hu
Zhanhua Hu
Qiyang Huang
Steve Hudgson
Kuang-Tse Hung
Laura Margaret Jabr
Anu Jain
Chia-Wei Jan
Jeffrey Joan Joan Sam
Joseph Karippaparambil Kuruvila
Swanand Sanjay Khonde
Tun Han Ko
Hsiu-Chieh Lee
Chengyuan Li
Jiahui Li
Songchen Li
Ziying Li
Jiarui Liang
Jiayuan Liang
Yu-Cheng Liao
Zh-Hao Lin
Haoyuan Liu
Wei Li Liu
Miguel Angel Lopez-Medina
Xiang Lou
Haoting Luo
Wenqing Luo
Nicholas Martin
Anusha Mishra
Joseph Mohanty
Srinivas Babu Mulagala
Mary Nam
Aathmika Neelakanta
Tuan Minh Nguyen
Ji Xuan Ni
Yihan Niu
Pei-Chi Pan
Divit Patidar
Isita Polamarasetti
Mihir Prakash
Haochen Qiu
Yun Shan Nicole Qu
Ross Christian Roberts
James Glenn Robertson
Janhavi Hemant Sathe
Matthew J. Selby
Huahao Shang
Taoyang Shi
Anupreet Sihra
Linshengyi Sun
Pranav Suryadevara
Priyam Thakkar
Haonan Wang
Sung-Yi Wang
Yen-Chiao Wang
Yufan Wang
Zhao Wang
Luke W. Watson
Mo Kiu Wong
Dong-Lin Wu
Zheng Wu
Wen Yang
Xiaoyu Yuan
Jiangguo Zhang
Yan Zhang
Xuemeng Zhao
Jiahao Zhou

Master of Computer Science, *continued*

MAY 10, 2025

Soham Ambre
Krishna Teja Esanakula
Noah Goldberg
Yuruo Gong
Chien-An Hu
Bo Sung Kim
Shambhavi Kurup
Feifei Li
Her-Hsuan Lin
Ruiqi Liu
Feng Luo
Hytham Madi
Vaishnavi Mallagundla
Anmar Nazhan
Jiacheng Shen
Tzu-Han Su
Senthil Thanneermalai
Nicholas Van Baak
Graham Walker
Reese Joseph Weingaertner
Xiaowei Xu
Yujie Xu
Sathwik Yarlagadda
Hantao Yu
Ruihao Zhang
Yuanzheng Zhao

Master of Data Science

AUGUST 31, 2024

Danny Han Boone
Kylee Kay Brown
Christopher Garrett
Ceyda Kora Gursel
Ilyas Kussanov
John Thomas Lattal
Somwipa Lotongkum
Ilya Lutsenko
Jay Ryan N. Mapanao
Olutobi Olutimi Ogunleye
Efosa Emmanuel Osazuwa
Prannay Parihar
Mehrnoosh Saneifar
Melody Taormina
Fredrik Skale Vaage
Benjamin Weideman
Lingbo Xing
Yijie Zhou

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MAY 10, 2025

Prahalad A. Chari
Thanh Thai Bao Nguyen
Christopher Zhou

Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and NanoEngineering

MAY 10, 2025

John C. Altman
Sara Elizabeth Elliott
Khalil JeBailey
Max Kovalchick
Anthony N. Le
Justin Henri Lebeau
Jacob P. Lowenstein
Noé Omar Martínez
Camilo Soto Onate
Yijun Zhou

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

AUGUST 31, 2024

Javier Alatorre
Anisha Agrawal Lal
Jacob Hyunwoo Lee

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Julianna Rae Dickman
Christian Elijah Francisco

MAY 10, 2025

Zachary Adams
Owen Christopher Baenen
Aliya Belay
Stefan Budimlić
Miguel Cabello
Henry Sebastian Cabrera
Genaro Castillo
Anish S. Chitnis
Aaron Abraham Cole
Andrew Joseph Dahm
Mathew De Lucio
Risto Djishev
Lucas Dovalina
Loïc Duggal
Firas Elkaissi
Ilan David Ezra
Esther Elizabeth Fahel
Zion L. Felder
Lovin Sajeev George
Ethan Jay Goore
Connor Alexander Greenwell
Jesus Adrian Guajardo
Jaden Lee Hernandez-Romious
Jorge Rene Hinojosa
Brendan Joseph Hlibok
Kasia S. Hochwald
Ulises Edward Hubbard
Sasha Marie Keck
Rachel H. Kim
Robert William Lane
Nancy Meriwether Lindsey
Lewis Le
Mark Adam Lopatofsky
Liam Terence Manley
Jack Maurry
Braedon McCants
Richard Charles Miller
Eva Belén Montenegro
Arthus Morisson de la Bassetiere
Nathaniel Morriss
Fredrick Gachoka Mungai
Ali Nik-Ahd
Katherine Elizabeth Noonan
Alice M. Owens
Emily D. Peña
Daniel Plascencia
Jesus Ayael Ramos
Bradley Olan Ramsey
Marvyn Rene Raya
Peter Reynolds
Julian Hamilton Riley
Kenton Roberts
Warren Philip Rose
Samuel Max Sarver
Gretchen Schulke
Brian Seo
Jonathan Seyoum
Connor Spears
Adrian Steward
Daniel Vitale Stulski
Adeel Azim Sumar
Belen Szentes
Peter Tizora
Jenna Cat-Linh Tran
Ervin Pruitt Urbanczyk
Hayden Webb
Favour Williams
Zachary Woodley
Tao Xu
Emily Yao
Luke Tsai Yuen

Bachelor of Music

AUGUST 31, 2024

Sanghyun Kim

DECEMBER 30, 2024

Sajdah Muhammad

MAY 10, 2025

Dillon Akerman
George James Andrews
Sebastian Berofsky
Katherine Butler
Benjamin Jean-Lievre D'Haiti
Claire J. Druffner
Maximus Gurath
Marshall Robert Joos
Zoey Ma
Zev Malina
Evan Nicholson
Marion Duke Pope
Samantha Isabella St. John
Sophie Gabriella Urban
Jaylin L. Vinson
Ariel Abyssinia Workeneh

Distinction in Research and Creative Work

Keaton Greer Abbott
Art History
Eliana Xin Jie Abikhaled
Kinesiology
Yvette Acevedo
BioSciences
Maya Adhikari
English
Rita V. Ajit
English
Erika Valentina Alvarez
Political Science
Abigail Antinossi
Anthropology
Jorge Luis Arnez Gonzales
BioSciences
Sanya Arora
Physics and Astronomy
Dasseny Salene Arreola
English
Aishwarya Anica Ayyanathan
BioSciences
Nafisa Azizi
BioSciences
Owen Christopher Baenen
Mechanical Engineering
Matthew Christopher Banschbach
Transnational Asian Studies
Jaquelyne Bardales
Sociology
James Belanger
Linguistics
Aliya Belay
Mechanical Engineering
Raleigh Bellard
BioSciences
Annika Rhea Bhananker
Anthropology
Akash Rajesh Bhat
BioSciences
Yuqi Alice Bian
Art
Yaxin Bo
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Daniela C. Bonscher
History
Sophia Jean Brandon
Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures
Eric Breyer
Religion
Jacob Buergler
Psychological Sciences
Katherine Butler
Music
Erqian Cai
Physics and Astronomy
Katrina Nhu-y Cao
Engineering Design
Ellie Cha
English
Sophia Cha
BioSciences
Kelly Chee
BioSciences
James David Cheng
BioSciences
Lin-Hsiang Shani Chiang
English
Kathryn Rose Castañeto Codiamat
English
Emma Rose Codianne
Physics and Astronomy
Emma Rose Codianne
Transnational Asian Studies
Alexandros Constantellis
History
Jordan D'Angelo Contreras
BioSciences
Joanna Noelle Coram
English
Cecelia E. Curtis
Bioengineering
Saloni Dalal
Computer Science
Sara Lorraine Kathrin Davidson
German Studies
Sarah Davidson
Civic Leadership
Dumari De Leon
Environmental Science
Katherine De Paz
Psychological Sciences
Risto Djishev
Mechanical Engineering
Tessa Noelle Domsky
Visual and Dramatic Arts
Kimberly Wynne Dorsey
Civic Leadership
Claire J. Druffner
Music
Pamela Renee Duarte
BioSciences
Loïc Duggal
Mechanical Engineering
Jack Morgan Eisinger
Psychological Sciences
Geraldine Esquivel
Cognitive Sciences
Esther Elizabeth Fahel
Mechanical Engineering
Saba Amanuel Feleke
Visual and Dramatic Arts
Langston Michael Ford
Political Science
Hannah Foster
Art History
Razella Erinminda Freeman
Architecture
Tania García-Jasso
Psychological Sciences
Emelia Gauch
Sociology
Milan Sajeev George
Social Policy Analysis
Hugo Gerbich Pais
Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures
Lauren Ana Ginn
BioSciences
Logan Golia
Computer Science
Sophia Govea
Transnational Asian Studies
Zoe Griffin
BioSciences
Rachel A. Gu
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Matthew Haacke
Civic Leadership
Matthew Haacke
Sociology
Maya E. Habraken
Transnational Asian Studies
Jason Han
Computer Science
Nicholas G. Harrison
Visual and Dramatic Arts
Kennedy Catherine Hart
Psychological Sciences
Kai Emerson Hartman
Transnational Asian Studies
Lillian He
BioSciences
Kevin Hernandez
Computer Science
Faith Angelica Hill
BioSciences
Cole Rives Holladay
Chemistry
Viola Hsia
English
Viola Hsia
Visual and Dramatic Arts
Nuo Hu
Statistics
Sarai Huaman
Architecture
Bennett Torsten Husick
Physics and Astronomy
Armon Jemal Ibrahim
Cognitive Sciences
Barakat Adetoyosi Ibrahim
Civic Leadership
Surefunmi Morire Ibukun
English
Rachel Ivany
Psychological Sciences
Briana Jean Janson
Anthropology
Alexander Philip Janssen
Transnational Asian Studies
Eliza S. Jasani
Religion
Dheerj Jasuja
BioSciences
Katherine Jeng
English
Nadia Christine Jenkins
Political Science
Sumin Jeong
Bioengineering
Hao Jiang
Computer Science

Distinction in Research and Creative Work, *continued*

Eli Christopher Johns-Krull
Visual and Dramatic Arts

Ishani Kaul
Kinesiology

Wren Elizabeth Kawamura
Physics and Astronomy

Mohammad Khuroo
BioSciences

Mohammad Khuroo
Transnational Asian Studies

Andrew Kim
Political Science

Hannah J. Kim
Psychological Sciences

Alexander William Kornblum
Social Policy Analysis

Adam Kuhn
Physics and Astronomy

Joo Eun Kwon
Psychological Sciences

Ella Katherine Langridge
Art History

Joon Lee
Psychological Sciences

Chih-Tong Lee
Mechanical Engineering

Benjamin Harvey Leebron
Computer Science

Talia Levy
BioSciences

Talia Levy
English

Danika Li
English

Derek Liang
BioSciences

Mark Lichtenberger
Architecture

Nancy Meriwether Lindsey
Engineering Design

Nancy Meriwether Lindsey
Mechanical Engineering

Cali Liu
Visual and Dramatic Arts

Jiayi Jenny Liu
BioSciences

Shifan Liu
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Emily Margo London
Civic Leadership

Jacob P. Lowenstein
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Samantha LeGoff Lydon
Bioengineering

Ariel Ma
Bioengineering

Peien Ma
Transnational Asian Studies

Pedro Magarao Ribeiro
Philosophy

Pedro Magarao Ribeiro
Political Science

Jonathan Toufic Makhoul
Bioengineering

Pranav Mandyam
BioSciences

Liam Terence Manley
Engineering Design

Nathanael Mathew
BioSciences

Kyra Simone McKauffley
English

Anne Nagorka McKenzie
History

Mary Mikos
Engineering Design

Riya Misra
English

Somya Mittal
Cognitive Sciences

Julie Moquin
Physics and Astronomy

Maria Muffaddal Morkas
BioSciences

Bayzhan Mukatay
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research

Samantha Mulford
Psychological Sciences

Nikhil Mummaneni
Cognitive Sciences

Fredrick Gachoka Mungai
Mechanical Engineering

Samuel Nance
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Pranav Narayanan
BioSciences

Pranav Narayanan
Cognitive Sciences

Camille Catia Neal-Harris
Bioengineering

Benison Tinh Thi Nguyen
Psychological Sciences

Isabelle M. Ong
BioSciences

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Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures

Cameron Osterman
BioSciences

Charles M. Pacheco
Physics and Astronomy

Elizabeth Pan
Kinesiology

Sydney Chu Park
Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures

Dhruv Patel
BioSciences

Imaan Nabil Patel
Civic Leadership

Vedha Gayathri Penmetcha
Kinesiology

Vedha Gayathri Penmetcha
Mechanical Engineering

Michelle Pham
Computer Science

Kathryn Khai-Huyen Phung
Chemistry

Daniel Plascencia
Engineering Design

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Joshua Posada
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Nithya Ramcharan
English

Lindsey Ran
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Sophia Rebello
Computer Science

Lily Elyse Remington
Transnational Asian Studies

Kathryn Rhatigan
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Olivia Zuckerbrod Roark
Social Policy Analysis

Olivia Wiswall Robson
Sociology

Logan James Rossiter
Philosophy

Max Riley Rudin
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Isabelle Caroline Scherick
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Gretchen Schulke
Mechanical Engineering

Megan Schultze
Physics and Astronomy

Claire Shi
BioSciences

Amanda Clare Simpson
English

Hannah Son
English

Hannah Son
Sociology

Taylor Raye Stowers
Psychological Sciences

Andrew Xu Sun
Engineering Design

Paige Emerson Sutter
Chemistry

Hira Tariq
Psychological Sciences

Matthew Jake Taylor-Chang
BioSciences

Anna Renee Tetreault
Music

Kofoworaola Adeola Thomas
Kinesiology

Rebecca Gail Throop
Visual and Dramatic Arts

Alice Yuxuan Tian
Bioengineering

Distinction in Research and Creative Work, *continued*

Priya Padmini Tirumala
BioSciences

Dean A. Toumajian
Center for Languages & Intercultural Communication

Dean A. Toumajian
Political Science

Julie N. Trịnh
Transnational Asian Studies

Crystal Chimezurum Unegbu
Kinesiology

Emma Vasilakopoulos
English

Aditi Velgekar
Psychological Sciences

Thara Venkateswaran
Cognitive Sciences

Jaylin L. Vinson
Music

Lee Waldman
Sociology

Lee Waldman
Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Jingjing Wang
Transnational Asian Studies

Hanqing Wang
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Ruoqing Wang
Political Science

Yimo Wang
Computational Applied Mathematics and Operations Research

Wisha Wanichwecharungruang
Physics and Astronomy

Mark Graham Waterstraat
BioSciences

Hayden Webb
Engineering Design

Favour Williams
Engineering Design

Samuel Xi Wu
Bioengineering

William Huaiyang Wu
BioSciences

Tao Xu
Engineering Design

Sarah Yang
Civic Leadership

Emily Yao
Engineering Design

Dingding Ye
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Simon M. Yellen
Chemistry

Luke Tsai Yuen
Engineering Design

Alexander George Zalles
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Zhiyu Zhang
Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures

Leo Yong Zhang
BioSciences

Christopher Zhou
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Yijun Zhou
Materials Science and NanoEngineering

Alayna Ziglin
Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures

Honors, Prizes and Awards to Faculty, Staff and Alumni

Association of Rice Alumni Distinguished Alumni Awards
Thomas Benford '00
Eugene Keilin '64

Association of Rice Alumni Gold Medal
Robert Maxfield '63, '64

Association of Rice Alumni Meritorious Service Awards
Frank Liu '78
Jan West '73

Charles W. Duncan Jr. Achievement Award for Outstanding Faculty
Melodie French
Lauren Stadler

Elizabeth Gillis Award
Victoria Langlais

Faculty/Staff Service Award
Kristianna Bowles

Faculty Teaching and Mentoring Award
Hengrui Luo

Friends of Rice Graduate Students Award
Chaoyang Tang
Clara Zubrick

George R. Brown Awards for Superior Teaching
Robert Englebretson
Bilal Ghosn
Laura Kabiri
Elizabeth McGuffey
Burke Nixon
Betul Orcan-Ekmekci
Anna Rhodes
Fay Yarbrough
Carissa Zimmerman

George R. Brown Prize for Excellence in Teaching
Kasey Leigh Yearty

Marjorie Corcoran Award
Angel Martí

Nicolas Salgo Distinguished Teacher Award
Cassandra Diep

Presidential Award for Mentoring
Walter Chapman
Edison Liang

Provost's Award for Outstanding Faculty Achievement
Jacqueline Couti
Jamie Padgett

Provost's Award for Outstanding Doctoral Advisor
Lisa Biswal

Provost's Award for Outstanding Early-Career Achievement
Erik Peterson
Han Xiao

Rice Staff Excellence Award
Charles Brown
Anna Julia
Nubia Quintanilla
Anita Walker

Rice Staff Excellence Award — Rising Star
Tonyamas Moore

Rice University Faculty Award for Excellence in Professional Service and Leadership
Vivian Ho

Rice University Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, Teaching and Service
Flavio Cunha

Rice University Faculty Award for Excellence in University Service and Leadership
Ashley Leeds

Rice University Student Association Staff Mentor Award
Elizabeth Vann

Robert Lowry Patten Award
Zachary Jansen

Sophia Meyer Farb Prize for Teaching
Kasey Leigh Yearty

Trenton Wann Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring
Josh Bernstein

Y. Ping Sun Award for Outstanding Community Engagement
Dr. Robert "Bob" Stein

Prizes and Awards to Degree Recipients

Alan Grob Prize
Matti Haacke
Lee Waldman

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
Emma Codianne
Daniel Wang

Graduate Student Association Lifetime Contribution Award
Yujia Zhang

Graduate Student Association Service Award
Emily Oppold
Xin Tan

Graham C. Stebbings College Service Award
Essence Ratliff

Hugh Scott Cameron Service Award From the Student Association
Viola Hsia
Hayley Jue
Jae Kim
Anne Wang

Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts
Jackie Aguilar
Tessa Domsky
Hannah Foster

Sallyport Award
Sara Denison
Khoi Nguyen

Student Association Outstanding Seniors
Brian Bishara
Lynn-Chi Nguyen
Sara Davidson
Claire Druffner
Katherine Jeng
Tom Nitao
Siddhant Patil
Bryant Polanco
Annie Tian
Zoe Wang

Honorary Societies

AGLSP National Honor Society

Niki Herbert
Mark Linroth
Craig Murrin
Pam Otal

Alpha Kappa Delta

Janri Aquipel
Adrienne Bradley
Matthew Haacke
Sam Mulford
Diego Palos Rodriguez
Saatchi Sagoo-Jones
Hannah Son

Chi Epsilon

Connor Bird
Isabelle Chang
Raphael Dela Cruz
Caroline Hashimoto
Lily Lee
Sienna Miertschin
Leanh Nguyen
Kyle Olcott

Delta Phi Alpha

Logan Rossiter

Eta Kappa Nu

Prahalad Chari
Jun Chu
Aidan Colon
Rachel Gu
Tina Li
Shifan Liu
Thanh Nguyen
William Pan
Benjamin Peng
Lindsey Russ
Adam Swartz
Jia Xin Tan
Alex Torres
Hong-Ye Wang
Benjamin Wilson
Dingding Ye
Chris Zhou

Omega Psi

Yvette Acevedo
James Belanger
Chloe Chan
Joanna Coram
Katherine De Paz
Success Diginee
Sofia Hidalgo
Armon Ibrahim
Audrey Kim
Amy Lam
Nikhil Mummaneni
Rhea Rungta
Michelle Sekili
Sienna Tu
Teresa Zhou

Phi Beta Kappa

Keaton Abbott
Anisha Abraham
Rita Ajit
Precious Akinrinmade
Anagha Alapati
Mariel Almazan
Abigail Antinossi
Dasseny Arreola
Emma Ashton
Morikeoluwa Ayodeji
Kevin Barry
Christina Boufarah
Sophia Brandon
Imogen Brown
Jacob Buergler
Luisa Bustamante Tolda
Amy Cao
Ellie Cha
Chloe Chan
Kirthi Chandra
Richard Chung
Joanna Coram
John Cotter
Coral David
Sara Davidson
Anosha Dhakwala
Naomi Doron
Loic Duggal
Langston Ford
Megan Foreman
Christina Franco
Madeleine Garrity
Emelia Gauch
Hugo Gerbich Pais
Sophia Govea
Gillian Gravatt
Sejal Gupta
William Hampton
Quinn Healy
Katherine Hilton
Diego Hinojosa
Nathan Horton
Mason Howell
Connie Huang
Bennett Husick
Priscilla Ibrahim
Inés Iriondo
McKenzie Jameson
Katherine Jeng
Hayley Jue
Bryson Jun
Ishani Kaul
Syed Murtaza Kazmi
Kaitlyn Keyes
Hannah Kim
Joo Eun Kwon
Cody Lanham
Audrey Lee
Nathaniel Lee
Talia Levy
Jessica Liu
Hannah Lloyd
Eleanor Loden
Kendall Lyman
Pedro Magarao Ribeiro
Karen Marquez-Narvaez
Anne McKenzie
Somya Mittal
Jackson Moran
Sydney Morgan
Rija Naqvi
Cecile Nguyen
Nathan Nguyen
Cameron Osterman
Roselyn Ovalle
Guillian Gavril Paguila
Kayla Peden
Kathryn Phung
Alexander Pinkerton
Sara Price
Lindsey Ran
Olivia Roark
Olivia Robson
Ithzel Rubio
Eduardo Ruiz
Anoushka Rustagi
Yuv Sachdeva
Victoria Nicole Santos
Louis Scheinfeld
Maria Schutz
David Shaw
Xiaohan Sheng
Esha Shenoy
Gayatri Singla
Hannah Son
Daniel Suarez Aguirre
Aryana Suhartono

Honorary Societies, *continued*

Matthew Sun
Yingge Sun
Bhavik Tadigotla
Carolyn Teng
Priya Tirumala
Cecilia Visco
Sowmya Viswanathan
Emma Waldman
Anne Wang
Ashley Wang
Jingwu Wang
Sean Weeks
Kelsea Whiting
Marlo Wilcox
Gloria Xie
Laura Yee
Zachary Yiannias
Zhiyu Zhang
Adelia Zytek

Pi Sigma Alpha

Gillian Gravatt
Jaggar Hebeisen
Kamren Walls
Guinivere Yeung

Psi Chi

Sharazad Ali
Kevin Barry
James Belanger
Sophia Brandon
Jacob Buergler
Katherine De Paz
Anosha Dhakwala
Megan Foreman
Erica Friedman
Tania García-Jasso
Allison He
Rohit Jha
Amanda Kiesel
Hannah Kim
Grace Kwon
Lenita Lyu
Somya Mittal
Sam Mulford
Guillian Paguila
Imaan Patel
Christian Saldana
Aryana Suhartono

Tau Beta Phi

Emily Aspey
Owen Baenen
Eli Blasini
Isabelle Chang
Andrew Dahm
Raphael Dela Cruz
Loic Duggal
Ilan Ezra
Esther Fahel
Carrie Hashimoto
Brendan Hlibok
Ruth Hong
Yeonju Kim
Lewis Le
Tina Li
Shifan Liu
Ricky Miller
Nathan Morriss
Clay Murphy
Leanh Nguyen
Kyle Olcott
William Pan
Kenton Roberts
Sam Sarver
Gretchen Schulke
Connor Spears
Andrew Sun
Adam Swartz
Wendy Tan
Alex Torres
Pruitt Urbanczyk
Hong-Ye Wang
Sam Wu
Luke Yuen
Chris Zhou

2025 Commencement Marshals

Chief Marshal
Fred Oswald

Security Marshals
Dave Johnson, *Head Marshal*
Yu Kee Ooi
Helen Toombs

Platform Marshal
Damian Blättler
Tracy Volz

Advanced Degrees Marshals
Alan Crane, *Head Marshal*
Agustina Fernandez-Moya
Mary Glavan
Jason Hafner
Tarik Umar
Maria Sa Martinez

Doctoral Marshals
Jim Elliott, *Head Marshal*
Agustina Fernandez-Moya
Tony Brown
Anna Rhodes
Elizabeth Roberto

Undergraduate Marshals
Chris Mize, *Head Marshal*
Jamie Catanese
Kate Coley
Bryn Dugre
Neal Dugre
Carlos Escobedo
Nick Espinosa
Greg Fitch
Gabriela Garcia
Alana Holmes
Mack Joyner
Laura Kabiri
Jessica Krom
Shannon LaBove
Caitlin Lindsay
Liam Mayes
Jaime Mize
Kari Mullen
Chloe Oani
Steph Parker
Patrick Ray
Kelsey Ullom
Lora Wildenthal
Joseph Young

University Delegation

April DeConick
Faculty Senate Representative

Janine Berrill
Staff Council Representative

Trevor Tobey
Undergraduate Student Association Representative

David Leal
Association of Rice Alumni Representative

Xin Tan
Graduate Student Association Representative

Military Appointments

Max Westphal
Will Be Commissioned as Second Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps

Kai Hartman
Will Be Commissioned as Ensign, U.S. Navy

Jacob Lowenstein
Will Be Commissioned as Ensign, U.S. Navy

Thara Venkateswaran
Will Be Commissioned as Ensign, U.S. Navy

Association of Rice Alumni

Welcome to the Association of Rice Alumni (ARA), Class of 2025! Founded in 1919 to continue the relationship between the university and its alumni, the ARA now has more than 65,000 members worldwide. There are no membership dues to join; as a Rice graduate, you are immediately part of this global community. Keep your contact information up to date to stay connected with the Rice and alumni community by registering for the Rice Portal. To register, visit riceconnect.rice.edu and click on “login or register” to access your online community account. To view a calendar of all upcoming Rice alumni events and to learn more about Rice alumni groups, visit alumni.rice.edu. Congratulations again, and welcome to the ARA!

2024–2025 Retirees

Retiring Faculty

Frank Jones
63 years of service

Robert Stein
46 years of service

Kathleen Beckingham
45 years of service

Robert Corky Cartwright
45 years of service

Diana L. Strassmann
41 years of service

Robert Atherholt
41 years of service

Paula Page
40 years of service

Paula Sanders
38 years of service

Bruce Johnson
36 years of service

Deborah Harter
34 years of service

George Phillips
27 years of service

Krista Comer
27 years of service

Fengling Niu
22 years of service

Cary Wolfe
22 years of service

Rosemary Hennessy
19 years of service

Desmond Hoebig
16 years of service

Beverly Miller Mitchell
12 years of service

Gayle Moran
11 years of service

Retiring Staff

Linda C. Keating
50 years of service

Maria G. Reyna
46 years of service

Catherine E. Clack
43 years of service

Hannes H. Hofer
43 years of service

Joseph P. Gesenhues
42 years of service

Janet E. Thompson
39 years of service

Zoraida J. Castro
35 years of service

Paula D. Platt
35 years of service

Robert G. Sabin
35 years of service

Eileen W. Singleton
35 years of service

Karel Jankovsky
32 years of service

Debra G. Purtee
29 years of service

Kimberly A. McCarver
28 years of service

Elizabeth Ann Powell
28 years of service

Sandra M. Flechsig
27 years of service

Guy Jonathan Booker
25 years of service

Patrick Joseph Dwyer
25 years of service

Elizabeth K. Gbordzoe
25 years of service

Laurie G. Hammons
25 years of service

Colleen F. Morimoto
25 years of service

Jan Erik Odegard
25 years of service

Kelley Jean Vernon
25 years of service

Kaaren Fleisher
24 years of service

Henry Nhan Nguyen
24 years of service

Leonel Vivion Rivera Jr.
24 years of service

Karen VonGonten Capo
23 years of service

Franco Martin Bladilo
22 years of service

Ana Alberta Carrasco
18 years of service

Bonnie Rogers Stroman
18 years of service

Maria I. Gonzales
17 years of service

David William McDonald
17 years of service

Sharon K. O'Leary
17 years of service

Warren Anthony Reine III
17 years of service

Julio C. Reyes
17 years of service

Lucas Bustamante
16 years of service

Fitima Mariama Jackson
16 years of service

Albert Daniel Neumann
16 years of service

Denise Saladino
16 years of service

Carolyn L. White
16 years of service

Elizabeth A. Festa
15 years of service

Sharron Kathleen Kingston
15 years of service

Louise Kerr Mackey
15 years of service

Michelle R. Bennack
14 years of service

Thomas W. Dischinger
14 years of service

Gerilyn Gordon
14 years of service

Patrick E. Kurp
14 years of service

Delfino Roman
14 years of service

Phyllis Wood Smith
14 years of service

Steven M. Wiggins
14 years of service

Genia Roxanne Woodward
13 years of service

Laurence Frederick Garvey
12 years of service

Meri C. Dix
11 years of service

Laura Neli Palomo
11 years of service

Weijun Xu
11 years of service

Macario B. Garza
10 years of service

Arminda Rodriguez
10 years of service

In Memoriam

John M. Stroup
34 years of service

Richard Brown
33 years of service

Joan Rea
32 years of service

Duc Van Pham
31 years of service

Kelly Ann Newsom Quin
31 years of service

Peter Mieszkowski
28 years of service

Edward Cox
26 years of service

Billy E. Bonner
24 years of service

Wade Adams
16 years of service

Peter R. Vail
15 years of service

Michael Darius Smith
13 years of service

Scott Dow
11 years of service

Charles Edgar Geyer
11 years of service

YingHua He
8 years of service

Wagner Kamakura
8 years of service

Jerlyn Leigh Mardis
8 years of service

Dalton Keith Andrepont
7 years of service

Leslie Bartosh
7 months of service

Notes on Commencement

The Commencement Ceremony

Rice Commencement features two distinct kinds of ceremonial elements: the focus on individual degree recipients as they are named, presented and congratulated and the focus on the communal experiences of graduation through the student procession, speeches and the conferral of degrees.

Each of the four Commencement ceremonies features the individual recognition of graduating students as they cross the stage and receive congratulations along with a ceremonial diploma tube. The candidates for each degree are presented as a group by the appropriate university official. The dean of graduate and postdoctoral studies, assisted by the academic deans, presents all the advanced degree candidates. The dean of undergraduates, assisted by the college magisters, presents the undergraduate degree candidates. The president formally confers the degrees earned.

At each ceremony, remarks from university leaders celebrate the community of graduates. As the final ceremony of the Commencement weekend, the undergraduate ceremony features the Commencement speaker and the singing of Rice's alma mater. It concludes with a short fireworks display.

The Rice Diploma

Rice diplomas are unusually large, measuring approximately 18 inches by 23 inches. The text is arranged to resemble the general shape of an urn. Tradition holds that the shape is a Grecian urn, since it is known that President Edgar Odell Lovett, an admirer of the classics, designed and composed the diploma. Above the text, the academic seal of Rice University is embossed in gold.

The degree recipients will receive their actual diplomas over the summer.

Academic Procession

The academic procession, an essential part of most Commencement exercises, has its origin in historical church processions.

The Commencement procession is generally composed of two groups: Rice faculty and dignitaries, then the candidates to receive degrees. The university marshals, distinguished by their blue and gray gowns and soft, Cambridge-style caps, are responsible for directing the participants throughout the ceremony. First, a fanfare sounds, then the chief marshal raises a ceremonial mace and leads the procession, followed by the president, the members of the board of trustees, and the faculty in order of academic rank and, within rank, in order of seniority. The procession ends when the chief marshal places the mace on its stand at the front of the platform.

For the doctoral and advanced degrees commencements, the candidates process into Tudor Fieldhouse by school. The Brown School of Engineering and Computing enters first, followed in order of school founding by the School of Humanities, the Wiess School of Natural Sciences, the School of Architecture, the Shepherd School of Music, the Jones Graduate School of Business, the School of Social Sciences and the Glasscock School of Continuing Studies.

For the undergraduate ceremony, the procession into Rice Stadium begins with the color guard, followed by the chief marshal, president, board of trustees and faculty, as well as a university delegation with representatives of the Faculty Senate, the Staff Council, the undergraduate Student Association, the Graduate Student Association and the Association of Rice Alumni. The candidates assemble with their residential colleges, led by their magisters and college presidents. Students chosen as assistants to the marshals escort each college. Baker, the oldest college, enters first, followed in order by Will Rice, Hanszen, Wiess, Jones and Brown. Lovett leads the remaining colleges, followed by Sid Richardson, Martel, McMurtry and Duncan. At the end of the ceremony, the assembly sings Rice's alma mater.

All the ceremonies conclude with a recessional march; the chief marshal raises the mace once more and leads the president and the board of trustees, faculty and administration in the recessional, followed by the graduates.

Academic Regalia

The resemblance of academic regalia to the robes of religious orders is no coincidence; the caps, gowns and hoods worn today have their origins in the Middle Ages, when universities were church institutions and both teachers and scholars were clerics.

U.S. colleges and universities adopted their own uniform code of academic dress in 1895. While the code has been modified since, the costume still reflects a rich tradition of Western higher education. If one is familiar with the basic accoutrements and with what shape, color and material can signify, then the academic procession and the Commencement exercise will have more meaning.

Three main garments compose the regalia — cap, gown and hood. In addition, a stole is worn by many at Rice to indicate an affiliation with one of Rice's residential colleges.

The caps and gowns worn by graduates of U.S. colleges and universities vary only slightly from school to school, and from these the highest level of academic degree that the wearer has earned can be determined. Undergraduates serving today as ushers and assistants to the marshals are wearing bachelor's gowns of royal blue.

The mortarboard, or Oxford-style cap, is worn by most members of the academic procession. It is usually black. The tassel of the cap may be black, or it may be a color indicating the discipline in which the degree was earned. It may be metallic gold for doctors, governing officials of the

university, and persons being specially honored during the program.

The gown, too, is usually black, though there are exceptions. Harvard, for example, allows a crimson gown; Yale, a blue gown; and Princeton, a black gown appointed in orange. The bachelor's gown is the simplest in design and has long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown, which is slightly more elaborate, has oblong sleeves open at the wrist. The doctor's gown is, appropriately, the most elaborate — velvet trim runs down the front and around the neck, and three velvet bars decorate the bell-shaped sleeves. Special blue gowns for Rice doctoral students were introduced at the 1997 Commencement.

The third costume component, the hood, is the most symbolic. The hood's length and the width of its velvet trim indicate the level of the earned degree. The color of the velvet trim indicates the academic field in which the degree has been earned.

For undergraduate degrees, five colors denote specific academic fields:

Golden yellow — Natural Sciences and Engineering
White — Humanities and Social Sciences
Brown — Architecture
Drab — Business
Pink — Music

Graduate degrees have an expanded palette:

Orange — Engineering
Golden yellow — Natural Sciences
White — Humanities and Social Sciences (including Education and Liberal Studies)
Brown — Architecture
Drab — Business
Pink — Music

For doctoral degrees, the hoods are trimmed in velvet, with the following colors:

Blue — Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs
Pink — Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) programs

The hood also identifies the institution at which the wearer took his or her degree. It is worn to expose the colors in its lining. In 1985, most schools adopted a chevron for their hoods. Because of the limited number of colors selected, duplication of designs is common. The Rice hood has a blue lining with a single gray chevron.

Degrees

All Rice degrees have been awarded for work done in course. Rice does not award honorary degrees. The Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Music degrees normally require four years. The Bachelor of Architecture degree requires two years beyond the B.A., including one spent on preceptorship with an architectural firm.

The Master of Arts degree and the Master of Science degree often require two years and the presentation of a thesis, but in some departments students are eligible for a master's degree without submitting a thesis once they have been admitted to candidacy for the Ph.D. Rice awards a number of professional master's degrees that normally require one or two years of concentrated training in a specified field beyond the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree.

The Artist Diploma in Music is awarded at the completion of a two-year course of study beyond the master's degree. The curriculum prepares students for a career focused on performance at the highest levels.

The Diploma in Liberal Studies is awarded at the completion of a two-year course of study beyond the master's degree. The curriculum extends the educational goals of the Master of Liberal Studies program and allows students to deepen their interdisciplinary knowledge and lay the groundwork for contributions to their community in the form of critical publications, community service, doctoral studies or career work.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is awarded after successful completion of a program of advanced study and scholarly research culminating in a written dissertation. As final evidence of preparation for the degree, the candidate must pass a public oral examination. Normally, three or more years are required to complete the graduate study leading to the Ph.D. degree. The equivalent degree in architecture is the Doctor of Architecture. The Doctor of Musical Arts is awarded after completion of a program of advanced study and required performances or original compositions.

Undergraduate Honors

Undergraduate honors, based on the grade point average of academic work done at Rice University, are awarded to degree recipients being conferred the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Music.

Distinction in Research and Creative Work is a university honor bestowed by the faculty in individual departments. The specific requirements vary among departments. Students must apply for the honor, and the application requires a supporting letter from a faculty member.

Approximately 5% of the students graduate with highest honors (summa cum laude), the next 10% graduate with high honors (magna cum laude) and the next 15% graduate with honors (cum laude).

Insignia of the Graduate Student Association and Residential Colleges

Each residential college has its own emblem, which is displayed on its banner and carried in the procession. The Graduate Student Association banner, displaying its shield, precedes the doctoral, master's and special bachelor's degree candidates.

Graduate Student Association

The shield of the Graduate Student Association features eight lozenges representing the university's eight schools that offer graduate programs. The grackle is the mascot of the association, and the two grackles in the emblem represent students in the two types of advanced degree programs at Rice — professional and research.

Baker College

Magisters, Leonardo Dueñas-Osorio and Cassy Romano

Members wear red stoles with the college crest. In addition, silver piping adorns the stoles worn by the magisters, faculty associates and winners of the Baker College Service Awards (Baker Fellows).

Will Rice College

Magister, Ken Whitmire

Members and faculty associates wear rust stoles with a white border that bear the college crest. A gold border is on the stoles worn by the magisters, the Will Rice Fellows and award winners.

Hanszen College

Magisters, Fabiola López-Durán and Carlos Martinez-Rivera

Members, magisters and faculty associates wear black and smoke-blue stoles displaying the college crest. Hanszen Mentors also wear blue and yellow honor cords.

Wiess College

Magisters, Flávio Cunha and Fabiana Alves dos Santos

Members, magisters and faculty associates wear gold stoles displaying the college crest.

Jones College

Magisters, Zachary and Trisha Ball

Members and faculty wear green stoles displaying the college crest. Jones Fellows wear a purple honor cord.

Brown College

Magisters, Douglas and Emmanuelle Schuler

Members and faculty associates wear yellow stoles displaying the college crest. A maroon border is on the stoles worn by current and past magisters. Brown Fellows wear a burgundy cord.

Lovett College

Magister, Nancy Niedzielski

Members, magisters and faculty associates wear blue stoles displaying the college crest. A cream border is on the stoles worn by the Lovett Fellows. A gold border is on the stoles worn by the Lovett magisters.

Sid Richardson College

Magister, Melissa Marschall

Members, magisters and faculty associates wear white stoles displaying the college crest. Two gold stars appear on the left side of the stoles worn by Sid Richardson Fellows.

Martel College

Magisters, Daniel Domingues da Silva and Livia Borges Domingues

Members wear a light blue stole displaying the college crest. Magisters, resident associates, distinguished graduates and honored members wear light blue stoles and dark red cords. Martel Mentors wear light blue cords.

McMurtry College

Magisters, Jenifer Bratter and Noe Perez

Members, magisters and faculty residential associates wear a purple stole displaying the college crest. A silver border adorns the McMurtry Fellows' stoles.

Duncan College

Magisters, Eden King and Winston Liaw

Members wear a forest-green stole embroidered with the college name and crest. Magisters, Duncan Fellows, resident fellows, and faculty and resident associates wear a gold honor cord.

Academic Insignia

The original university shield was designed by the artist Pierre de Chaignon la Rose of Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the opening of the Rice Institute in 1912. To create the design, la Rose combined the main elements of the coats of arms of several prominent families named Rice or Houston. The elements featured within the shield are a double chevron and three owls of Athena, symbols of wisdom, selected as charges. The form of the owls was taken from a Greek coin dating from the fifth century B.C. The Rice shield can be seen on the cornerstone of Lovett Hall and on the flag of the university, along with the shield of the state of Texas.

Because Rice University was dedicated by its founder to the advancement of "letters, science and art," these words were incorporated into the design of Rice's academic seal. The seal is prominently displayed on the emblem of authority at the ceremony, the university mace. Carried by the chief marshal, the meter-long mace has a walnut staff with a golden owl atop it. Engraved on four sides of the cube on which the owl sits are the initials WRU, for William Rice University, and the academic seal.

A Brief History of Rice

The William M. Rice Institute for the Advancement of Literature, Science and Art filed its state charter in the Texas capital May 19, 1891. The original charter stipulated that the institute would charge no tuition and would be for "the instruction and improvement of the white inhabitants of the City of Houston and State of Texas." The institute was founded with a bequest of $4.6 million from the estate of William Marsh Rice, a merchant who arrived in Texas in 1838 and soon thereafter moved to the newly founded city of Houston. In the 1840s and 1850s, he accumulated his wealth by providing supplies to plantation owners and selling cotton and sugar crops produced in large part by enslaved labor. Rice, too, owned and benefited from their labor. After the Civil War, he took the oath of loyalty to the restored United States and lived thereafter in New Jersey and New York, while keeping a close eye on his many ongoing profitable endeavors in Texas. The childless Rice was murdered Sept. 23, 1900, in New York by his butler and lawyer in an attempt to steal his fortune. After considerable litigation, Rice's bequest was deployed in 1904 toward the purpose he intended — his namesake institute in the rapidly growing city of Houston. The institute's trustees selected Edgar Odell Lovett, a mathematician from Princeton University, to serve as the first president and sent him on an international trip to bring back the best pedagogical practices, ideas and personnel.

From Oct. 10–12, 1912, the Rice Institute celebrated its opening with lectures by eminent guests from around the world. President Lovett proclaimed that he and his colleagues planned "to assign no upper limit to its educational endeavor." With 77 male and female students and a faculty of about a dozen in its opening year, the institute quickly grew in size and importance, led by Lovett and James Addison Baker Jr., who chaired Rice's Board of Trustees from 1891 to 1941. By the time Lovett stepped down as president in 1946, the institute was a key part of a booming city of more than half a million residents.

From its beginning, the Rice Institute's goals included graduate programs, with the first doctorate awarded in 1918. In the 1950s, under President William Vermillion Houston, who served from 1946 to 1960 (during which the residential college system and the annual Beer Bike competition began), the institute expanded its ambitions. Graduate offerings steadily increased in the sciences and engineering and came to include the humanities and social sciences. On July 1, 1960, the Rice Institute was renamed William Marsh Rice University. In 1962, Rice celebrated its semicentennial led by President Kenneth Sanborn Pitzer, who throughout his leadership from 1961 to 1968 deepened the university's commitment to research and guided the founding of the School of Architecture in 1965.

Until the early 1960s, the university prohibited the admission of Black students. Growing national pressure from funding and accrediting agencies alongside the larger moral and political pressures of the Civil Rights Movement compelled Rice's trustees to desegregate the university and begin a legal process to remove racial barriers from its charter. The first Black student to be enrolled was mathematics graduate student Raymond Lewis Johnson in 1964. In fall 1965, the first two Black undergraduate students arrived — Charles Edward Freeman III and Jacqueline Elizabeth McCauley. These first three students were subsequently joined by an increasing number of Black students who brought further distinction to the university and who continued to push for full acceptance by the rest of the Rice community. That same year, Rice began charging tuition for the first time and launched a $33 million development campaign.

During and after the Cold War, Rice took advantage of a boom in available research funding. President Norman Hackerman, who served from 1970 to 1985, oversaw the debut of the Shepherd School of Music and the Jones Graduate School of Administration, now the Jones Graduate School of Business. In 1975, the Division of Science and Engineering divided into the George R. Brown School of Engineering and Computing, and the School of Natural Sciences, now the Wiess School of Natural Sciences. The Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences separated into two schools in 1979. In 1985, Rice joined the Association of American Universities, an invitation-only group of leading research universities in North America. Rice President George Erik Rupp, who served from 1985 to 1993, led the creation of several

interdisciplinary centers. Innovative faculty forged into new fields such as nanotechnology, where professors Robert F. Curl Jr. and Richard E. Smalley shared the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1996. As a result of these continued advancements, Rice has consistently earned a ranking among the nation's top 20 research universities.

Under the administration of President S. Malcolm Gillis from 1993 to 2004, the university dramatically expanded its international character by welcoming more students from abroad and building partnerships with institutions around the world. At the same time, the university continued to deepen its commitment to its home city of Houston, expanding partnerships with local industry and the Texas Medical Center. The Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Studies brings thousands of Houstonians to campus each year for learning opportunities and personal and professional development. Rice's Baker Institute for Public Policy, founded in 1993, provides vital insight to local and national policymakers on the important questions of the day.

For nearly two decades, under the leadership of President David W. Leebron from 2004 to 2022, the university continued to expand its local and global footprint under a period of tremendous growth, punctuated by new programs and facilities like the Kinder Institute for Urban Research in 2010, the Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance in 2013, the Doerr Institute for New Leaders in 2015, the Moody Center for the Arts in 2017, the Liu Idea Lab for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in 2017, the Ion in 2021, and the Brockman Hall for Opera in 2022.

In 2019, the university launched a new financial aid policy, The Rice Investment, that deepens and extends its ongoing commitment to need-based scholarships for low- and middle-income students. With the generosity of untold individuals and foundations, Rice's endowment has kept pace with its burgeoning enrollment and expanding infrastructure and programming. The endowment of $10 million in 1913 grew to $7.8 billion as President Reginald DesRoches, Rice University's first Black president, took office July 1, 2022.

As its resources have increased, Rice has served a flourishing and diverse student population. For fall 2022, degree-seeking undergraduate students totaled 4,480, alongside 4,085 degree-seeking graduate students. At matriculation, Asian Americans composed 29% of the Class of 2026. Students identifying as Hispanic or Latino were 17% of that group, and Black students made up 8%. A growing segment of undergraduate and graduate students at Rice hail from more than 60 countries around the world. Rice has 749 full-time faculty members and 147 part-time faculty members. Already in the midst of a strategic planning process and a $2 billion fundraising campaign, the university will continue to build and evolve, ever aiming for a bolder future.

Commencement at Rice

Rice Institute's first graduation exercises were held Sunday and Monday, June 11 and 12, 1916. The baccalaureate on Sunday included a sermon and the singing of Latin and English hymns. At Commencement on Monday, Rice awarded its first Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees. Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor emeritus of Stanford University, addressed the 36 candidates for degrees and their families on the subject "Is War Eternal?" That same June, President Woodrow Wilson, longtime friend and former Princeton colleague of Lovett, was working for a negotiated settlement to hostilities in Europe. Ten months later, the United States officially entered World War I.

Since that first graduation, the ceremonies have been held, at different times, in the Academic Quadrangle, in the courtyard of the chemistry laboratories, in the Rice gymnasium, and in local high schools and churches. In 1960, Commencement was moved to the front of Lovett Hall. Baccalaureate and Commencement were combined for the first time in 1972 by President Norman Hackerman. In 1986, President George Rupp returned the ceremony to a morning event in the Academic Quadrangle, site of the first Commencement.

In 2014, President Leebron reorganized Commencement. Growth in the number of degree recipients was making the single unified Saturday ceremony untenably long. The model for Commencement had each student presented at a Friday ceremony — retaining the Rice tradition of presenting and congratulating each student as an individual — followed by the conferral of degrees in a plenary ceremony Saturday morning.

With an increase in the size of the graduating classes, a committee was formed in 2022 to develop a vision for current and future graduation ceremonies. Based on this committee's recommendations, beginning in 2023, Rice now has four separate Commencement ceremonies at which each graduating student is recognized by name as they cross the stage: Master of Business Administration Ceremony, Doctoral Ceremony, Advanced Degrees Ceremony and Undergraduate Ceremony.

Lovett deeply loved the graduation ceremonies and guided them with great personal attention. His appreciation of the classics and his pride in the fact that Rice degrees were individually earned and diplomas individually conferred were always reflected in his remarks to Rice graduates.

Adjustments to Commencement were made on occasions during both World Wars. In 1917, a special graduation exercise was held at Camp Fuston, near San Antonio, for the 11 graduates who had volunteered for military service and were then in training. Later, the 31st Commencement, in June 1945, was followed by the 32nd in March 1946 and the 33rd in June 1946.

Owing to the sacrifices that we as a nation were asked to make during World War II, many Rice alumni were forced to forgo graduation ceremonies at Rice. In honor of these individuals, the 1998 Commencement featured the presentation of a special certificate to war-era graduates who received their degrees in absentia.

Dr. Huda Zoghbi

Dr. Huda Zoghbi is an internationally renowned neurogeneticist whose pioneering research has transformed our understanding of brain development and neurodegenerative diseases. She is the founding director of the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute at Texas Children's Hospital, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator and a Distinguished Service Professor at Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Zoghbi, a Rice trustee emerita, is best known for her groundbreaking discovery of the genetic basis of Rett syndrome, a severe neurological disorder affecting young girls, as well as her research into the genetic roots of adult-onset neurodegenerative diseases such as spinocerebellar ataxia and Alzheimer's disease. Her work not only has advanced the scientific field but has offered hope to countless families around the world.

Among her many accolades, Dr. Zoghbi is a recipient of the Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences, the Kavli Prize in Neuroscience, and the Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Medicine, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, among others.

Born and raised in Lebanon, Dr. Zoghbi received her undergraduate degree in biology from the American University of Beirut and began medical school there in 1975. The civil war in Lebanon broke out during her first year of studies, forcing her to move to the United States, where she transferred to Nashville's Meharry Medical College.

Dr. Zoghbi completed a pediatric residency and a residency in pediatric neurology at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in 1985. Seeing children with incurable, inherited neurological diseases piqued her interest in research and led her to pursue a postdoctoral fellowship in molecular genetics under the mentorship of the preeminent geneticist Dr. Arthur Beaudet. She joined Baylor College of Medicine's faculty as an assistant professor in 1988.

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